

# Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

May 23, 2012

## Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

Jim received an e-mail from ToolBank. ToolBank lends tools and equipment to non-profits for volunteer projects at a nominal fee. Point of Contact is Kat Pepmeyer. ToolBank is located at 2001 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Kat can be reached at (513) 264-0015, [kat.pepmeyer@toolbank.org](mailto:kat.pepmeyer@toolbank.org); web address: [www.cincinnati.toolbank.org](http://www.cincinnati.toolbank.org)

## Vice Chair Report – Beth Nevel

Beth has drafted a letter for the homeowners who have tree debris removal needs. The letter will provide additional resources that the homeowner may reach out to for assistance. Clermont County Community and Economic Development has Neighborhood Stabilization Funds for tree removal on private property. Neighborhood Stabilization funds are only available in Clermont County and are income dependent. The letter will refer property owners to the OSU Extension Office and the Ohio Department of Natural Resource – Private Landowner – Urban Forester. The letter will include a list of organizations that may be able to assist, contact information, and a description of what each organization may be able to do. It will also explain that most volunteer chain saw organizations are geared to immediate disaster response to remove tree debris for ingress and egress. For additional questions, the property owner may contact Bev Hurlburt.

The letters will be hand delivered to the 12 property owners on Dawn's list as well as other property owners in Franklin, Tate, and Washington Townships, and the Village of Moscow. Beth will deliver to Washington Township and Brown County. The LTRC will need to identify a person or group of individuals to deliver the letter in Tate and Franklin Townships.

Kenneth Copeland Ministries (KCM) from Texas will be in the Village of Moscow rehabbing a Church on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The group has already paid the insurance deductible for the Church. They will also be working on tree replacement and handing out pantry boxes of non-perishable foods (semi-truck full). Over 1,000 volunteers are expected to attend this event. [www.kcm.org/connect/index.php?p=partners\\_helping\\_partners](http://www.kcm.org/connect/index.php?p=partners_helping_partners)

The group is requesting contact information for a hot dog and snow cone vendor. The LTRC recommended reaching out to the local little league teams or scout troops as a fundraiser. We may also reach out to Queen City for donated hot dogs, mets, and buns. KCM is also requesting pictures of the church prior to 2000.

The LTRC is going to identify the number of people outside of the township that could benefit from this effort. Current estimates are 10 in Washington Township, 100 in Franklin and Tate Townships, 12 in Brown County. Beth and Bev will work on putting together a list of people that could use the assistance. A question was asked inquiring about what was included in the pantry boxes. Linda Carter will be the point person for coordinating with the local Church and KCM.

If the weather is good, the huge field will be used for distribution of the pantry boxes. Other options include the Fire Station at Neville. The LTRC recommended developing a voucher system to ensure those in need received the supplies. The Health Department may be interested in testing their point of dispensing plan during this distribution event. Pam will reach out to the Health Department.

## Financial Report

Received the following donations:

- Mt. Carmel Christian Church \$1,354.88
- First Baptist Church of Dent \$ 596.05

Current balance in the account is: \$11,342.75

The Milford 5K Walk/Run raised \$3,500. The check will be made out to the LTRC and sent to the Washington Township Building, attention Kathy Coulson.

### **Donations Management**

Roy received a \$277.58 utility bill from the Red Barn. The bill was prorated for April and May. The bill will be sent to Kathy for payment. We will receive another utility bill for June.

The Red Barn has a potential leaser for the space. Roy and Bev met to discuss the on-going needs. It is projected that 9 families may need donated items from the Center. Roy recommended closing the Donation Center the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The nine families will work with Bev to identify their needs. Once the 9 cases have been assisted, a letter will go out through case management to identify any additional needs that could be filled by the supplies in the Donation Center. Unused items will be offered to the Northern Kentucky Long Term Recovery Committee.

The LTRC will identify a short term storage solution for the items that will be needed by the 9 cases. A long term storage option will also be identified to store flood clean-up and personal hygiene kits. Jim will be looking for 5 gallon buckets for the flood clean-up kits.

The Matthew 25 Ministry Gift Cards will be handed out on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards will be for either Home Depot or Walmart. There are rumors going around that the cards will be VISA cards. Individuals have inquired about getting a cash advance on the cards. There are also stories that people are interested in selling the cards for cash. The LTRC recommended drafting a letter to hand out encouraging residents to keep all receipts for tax purposes.

### **Case Management**

Synopsis:

- 46 open cases
- 0 cases closed
- 6 cases could close soon; 12 cases will close once they receive the M25M gift cards
- 5 cases are tree removal only
- 21 open and active cases

People Working Cooperatively (FHLP-DRP)

- Received 21 referrals
- 1 has completed the application and is starting the assessment
- 5 have been referred on to member banks

The first new home construction started on Monday. Foundation is already in and it is expected to take 90 -120 for completion.

### **Government Report**

No SBA or State Individual Assistance Update. The SBA personal property application closed on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

Rich Jaffey with Channel 12 offered assistance with getting the media involved in future efforts. Rich Jaffey offered to get a group together to remove the block around the mobile home. Sandy Keiser had already reached out to the Knights of Columbus. Bev should hear back later today.

Channel 12 is hosting Going Back to the Grill on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Village of Moscow – Formerly “Grilling with Tim.” All LTRC members are invited to attend.

The LTRC discussed that there are numerous people interested in purchasing some of the historical homes in the Village (e.g. Town Hall).

The Donation Center is storing the furniture slated for the Village of Moscow.

Thalia sent out an e-mail about the facebook page. She is starting to put together an official page and adding more categories and photos.

Cincinnati Magazine is doing a story on the Tornado.

Steve Fols with the Cincinnati Zoo is assisting with the replant Moscow. It is expected to be a 3 to 5 year project that will hopefully spill over into the townships.

The Red Cross is offering CAN training on May 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.

Spiritual Care Training will be offered June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The LTRC discussed the need to be inclusive with the distribution of funds, resources and services. There have been instances where groups have handed out gift cards and residents were excluded. Again, the LTRC cannot control how outside groups choose to distribute their resources, but we can encourage inclusion of all impacted residents.

***LTRC Meeting***

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The new phone conference number is 513-732-8008 Pin 130113.